

What Are the Provider Benefits to Participating in *Paths to QUALITY*?

- Providers who enroll in Paths to QUALITY will be eligible to participate in specialized mentoring relationships with their local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency. Through a technical assistance process, the mentor will help the provider work to achieve Levels 2 and 3. Providers also have the option of choosing self-guided study.
- All providers who enroll in the Paths to QUALITY system will receive a *Participation Incentive*. Providers choosing to be mentored will receive the participation incentive at the time of their first visit. Providers who choose self-guided study will receive the participation incentive during their Self-Guided Study Start-Up Session.
- Enrolled providers who successfully complete Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for one time *non-cash Recognition Awards* upon attainment of each level.
- Providers who achieve Level 3 and desire to move on to Level 4, which includes becoming accredited by an approved national accrediting body, will be eligible for *financial support* and technical assistance. The amount of financial support is based on need and the number of children enrolled in a program. Support is available to assist with the accrediting process, the validation/endorsement phase, and/or equipment needed to meet the accreditation criteria.
- After completing the standards for Level 4, providers are eligible for a special one time *cash Recognition Award* to recognize their achievement of the highest level of quality.
- An *Annual Level 4 Accreditation Maintenance Award* will be given to providers who annually maintain the standards for Level 4 as well as accreditation from an approved accrediting body. Additionally, a provider who achieves and maintains accreditation through an approved accrediting body is eligible, on an ongoing basis, to receive a 10% higher reimbursement rate through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Voucher Program.
- Overall, participation in Paths to QUALITY will give Indiana providers better access to knowledge, information, assistance, materials and general support to help them provide higher quality child care experiences for young children.

	Homes	Centers	Ministries
Level One Participation incentive	\$50 non-cash	\$50 non-cash	\$50 non-cash
Level Two One time award	\$300 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash
Level Three One time award	\$ 300 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash
Level Four One time award	\$500 cash	\$1,500 cash	\$1,500 cash
Level Four Annual award	\$300 cash	\$1,000 cash	\$1,000 cash